Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
July 27, 2025 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key: *P: Pastor* *A: Assisting Ministers* ***C: Congregation***

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:
Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.
When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:
Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.
When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:
Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.
Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.
Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2025.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

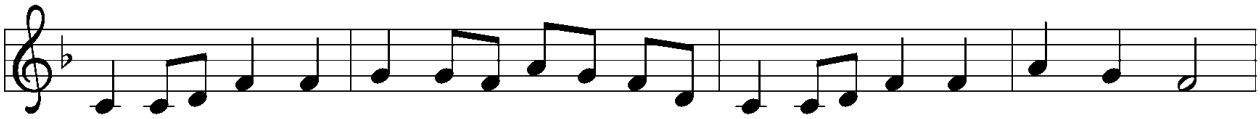
P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

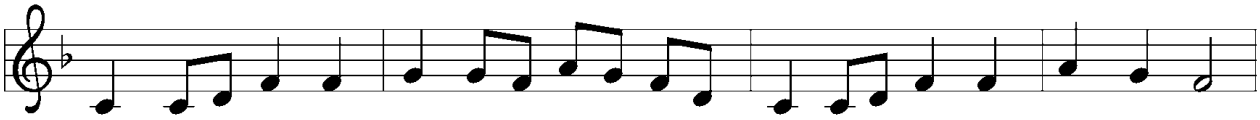
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN — ELW 461

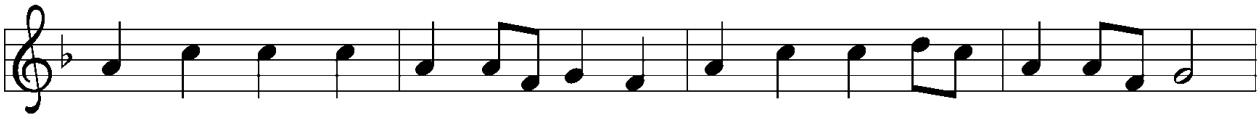
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"



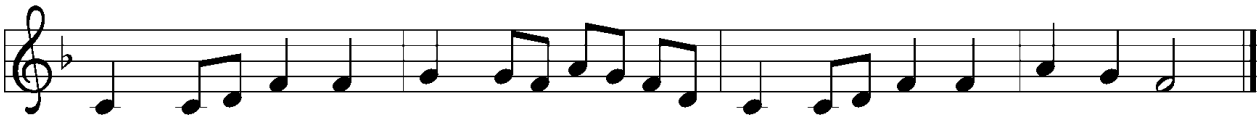
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

A: A reading from Genesis.

20 Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and
how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done
altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."
22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham
remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, "Will
you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty
righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for
the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the
righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that
from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And
the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the
whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to
speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous
are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will
not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29 Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are
found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said,
"Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He
answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon

myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." [32] Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

P: [1] I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
C: [2] I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
P: [3] When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
C: [4] All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
P: [5] They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
C: [6] The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
P: [7] Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth
your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
C: [8] You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love
endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

A: A reading from Colossians.

[6] As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, [7] rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

[8] Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the

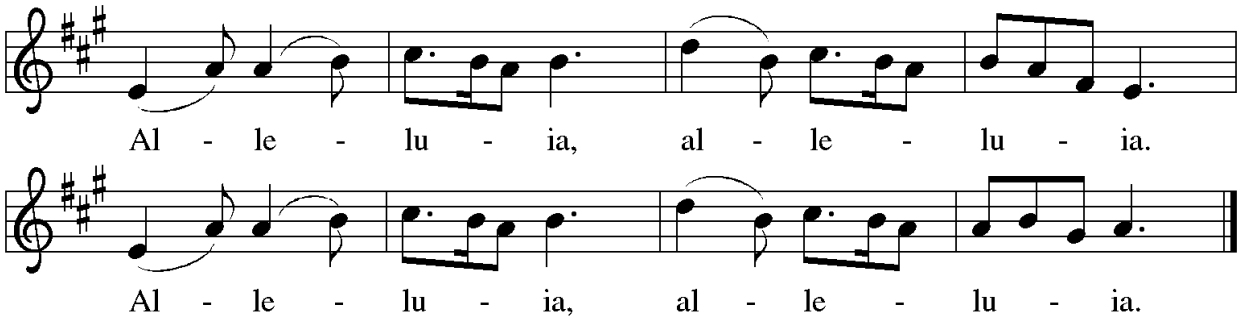
world, and not according to Christ. [9] For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells
bodily, [10] and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and
authority. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the
removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; [12] when you were
buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the
power of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And when you were dead in
trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with
him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, [14] erasing the record that stood against
us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed
the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over
them in it.

[16] Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of
observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. [17] These are only a shadow of what is
to come, but the body belongs to Christ. [18] Do not let anyone disqualify you,
insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up
without cause by a human way of thinking, [19] and not holding fast to the head,
from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and
tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his
disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."[2] So he
said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.
[3] Give us each day our daily bread.
[4] And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."
[5] And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at
midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, [6] for a friend of
mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' [7] And he answers from
within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are
with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' [8] I tell you, even though he
will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his
persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
[9] "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you. [10] For everyone who asks receives, and
everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be
opened. [11] Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would
give a snake instead of a fish? [12] Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a
scorpion? [13] If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your
children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those
who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

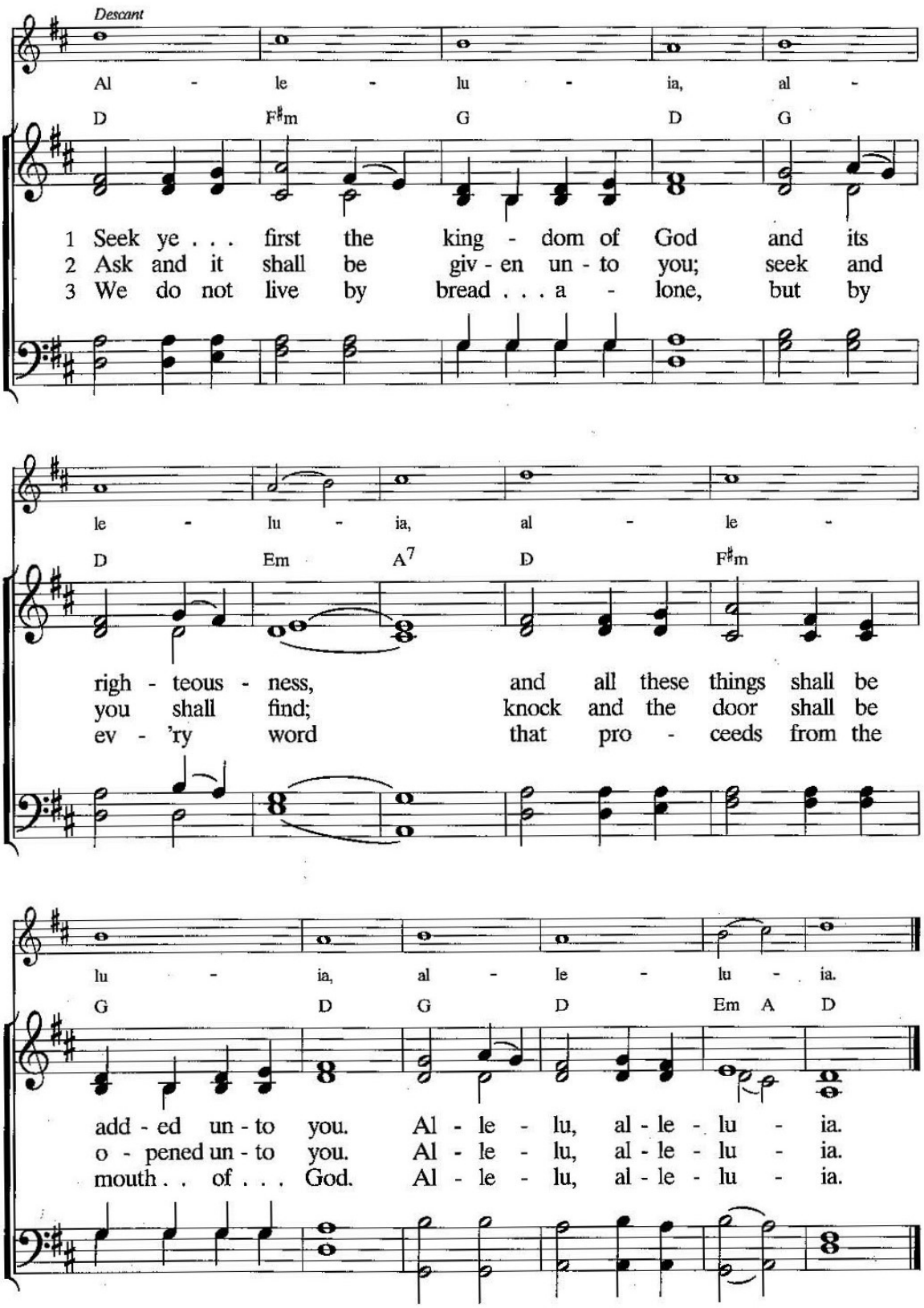
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 783

"Seek Ye First"



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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for John, Mary, Vicki, Barb, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, the friends and family of Sandy, and all those effected by the floods in Texas. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

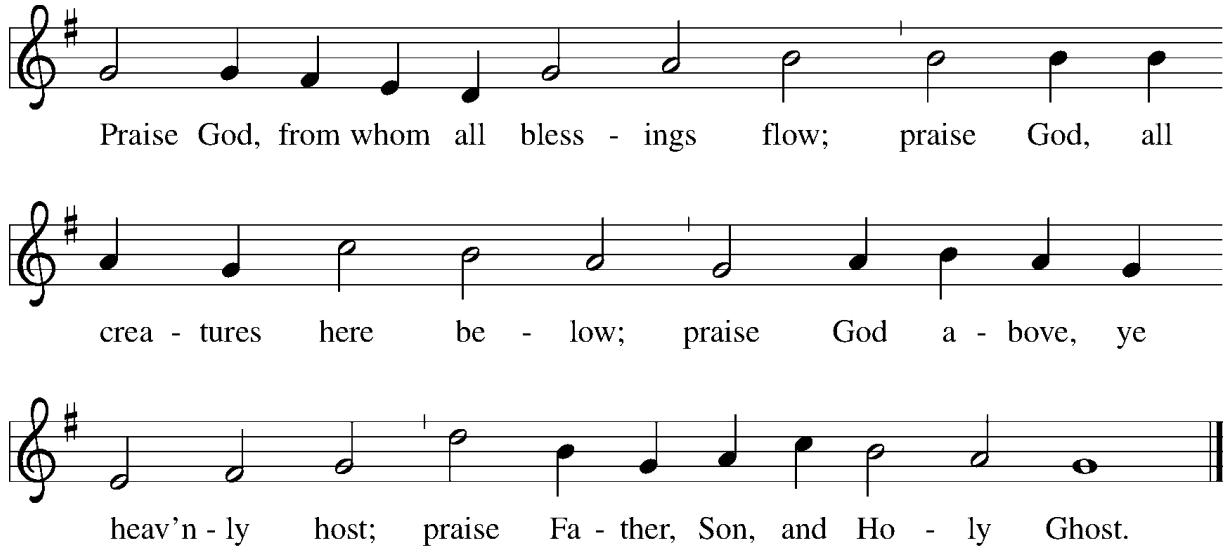
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

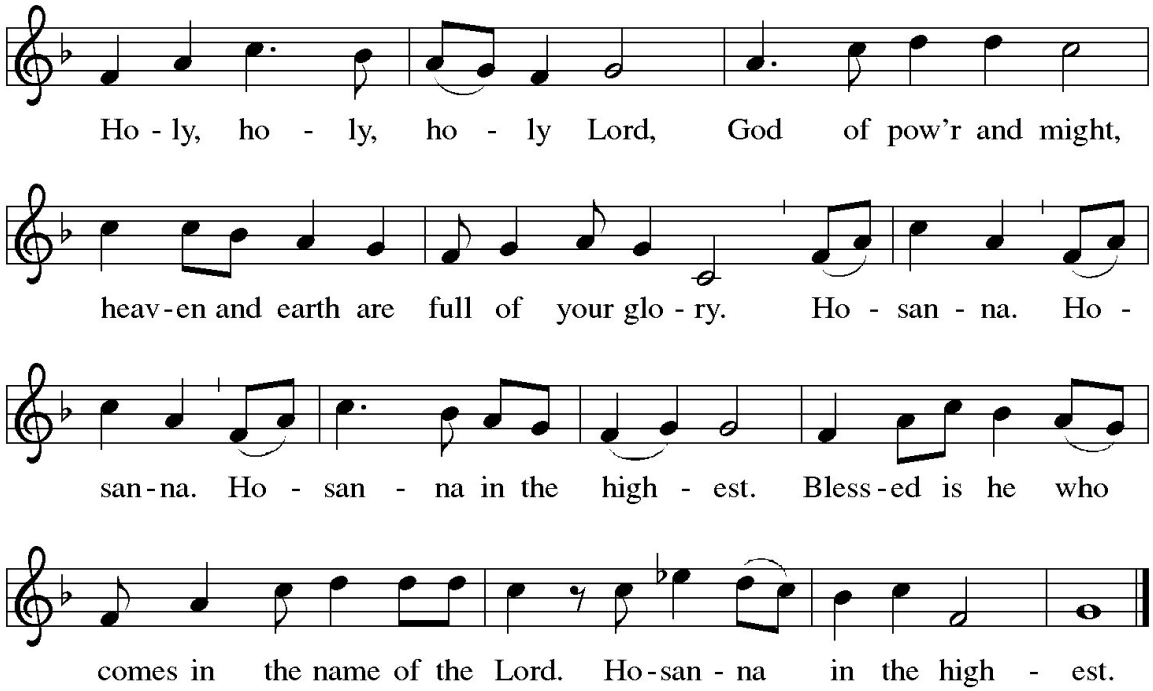
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory. **C: The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.
C: The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory. **C: The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory. **C: The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **C: Amen, and amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

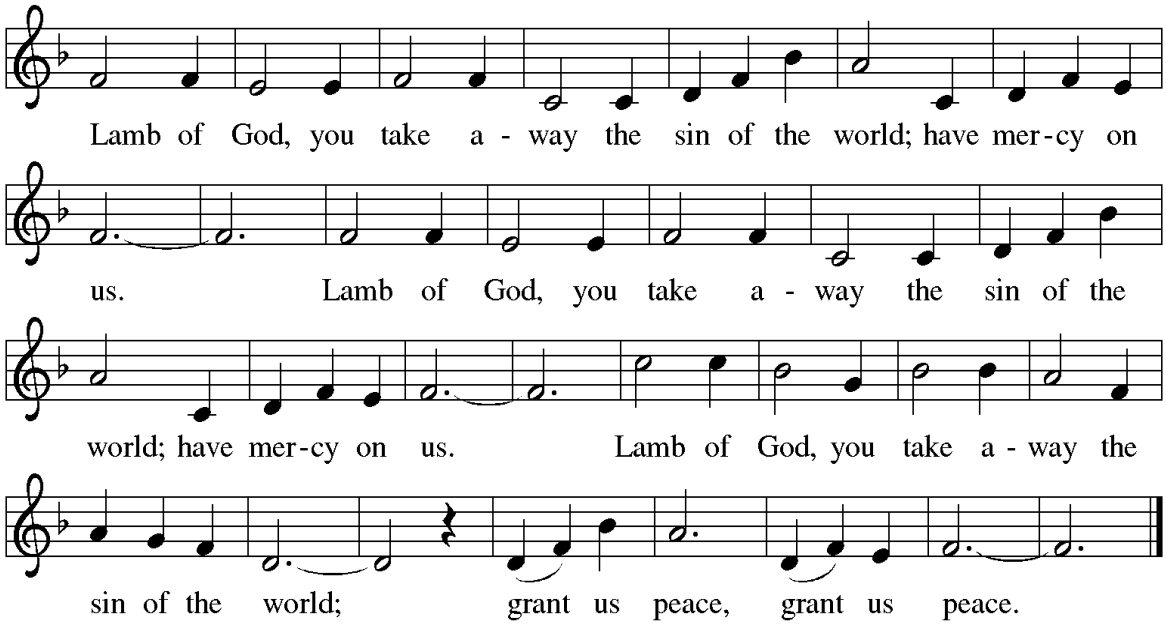
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

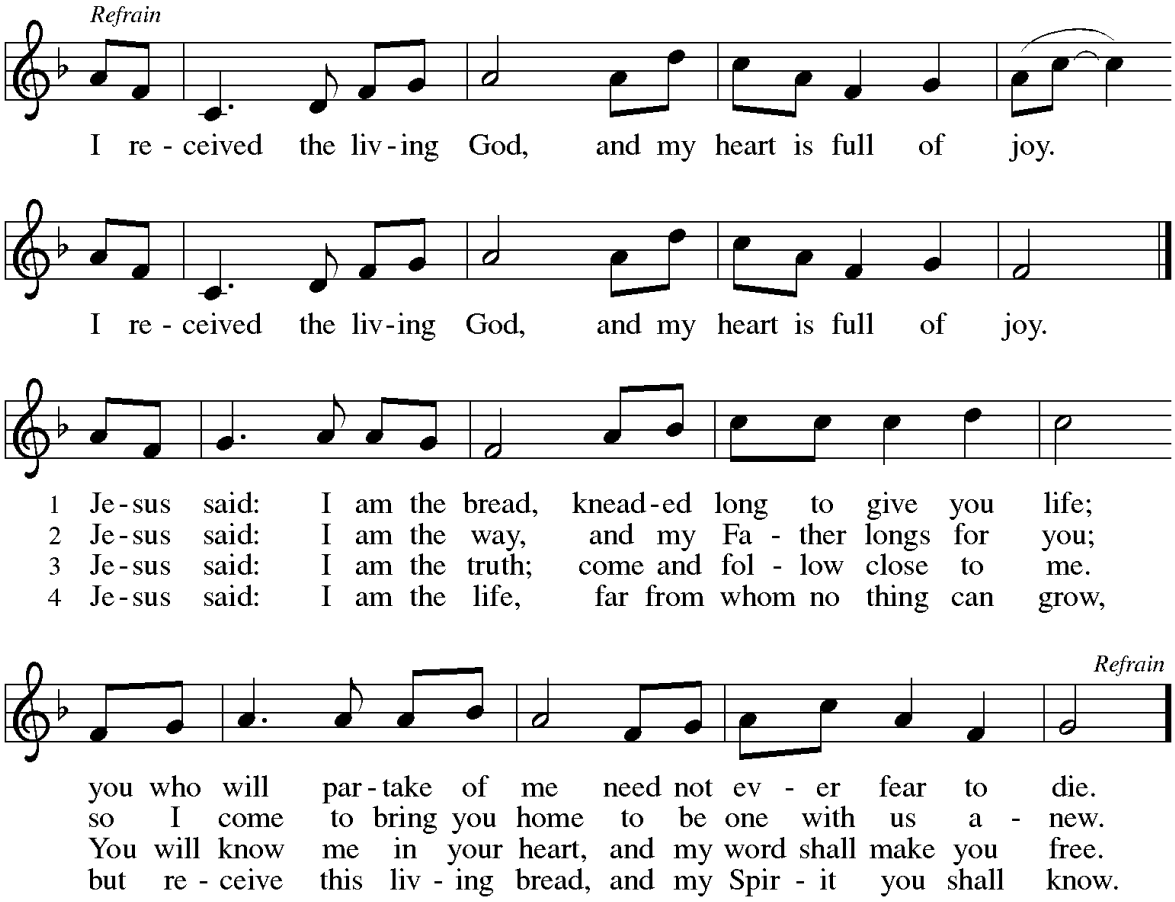
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN WOV 700

"I Received the Living God"



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

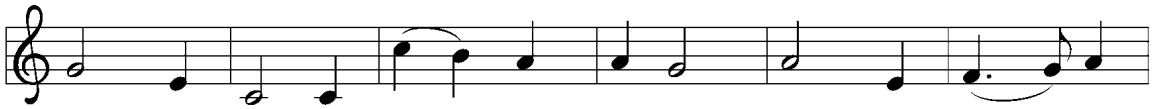
BLESSING

P: God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
☩ bless you all, now and forever.

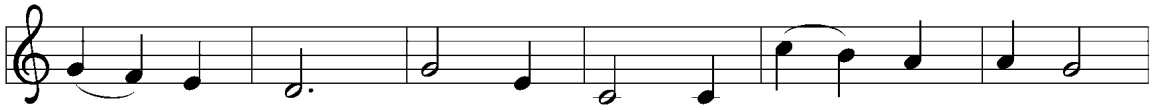
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 579

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (v. 1-3)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



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tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
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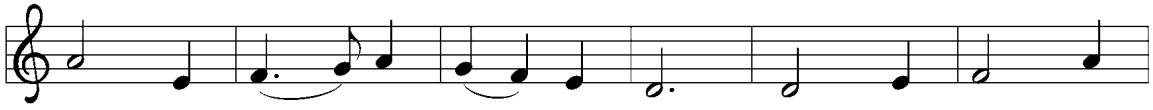

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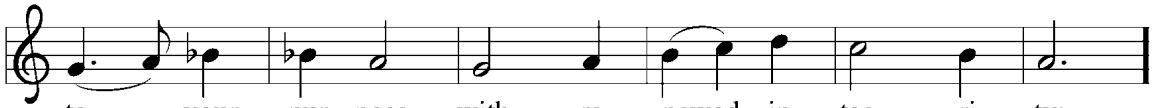

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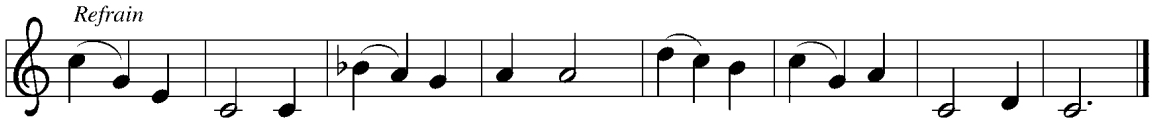

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
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It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Return of the Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be back in the gathering area to collect school supplies, starting July 27. Find sales on pencils, paper, crayons, glue, whatever school supply you want to donate for all school ages. Gently used backpacks also accepted. Donations will be given to local schools. Deadline for donating is August 31! Thank you!

History in Maps:

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Schedule for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start July 13th at 11:30 AM, following church services, in the lounge.

There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, July 27 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, July 29

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, July 30

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, July 31

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am

Friday, August 1

- Office Closed – Jennifer Off
- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, August 3 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Barb, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, the friends and family of Sandy, and all those effected by the floods in Texas.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Guest Pianist..... *Brenda Marshall*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Wendy Thompson*

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